GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2497
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2003
PAYMENT TO SUGARCANE FARMERS
MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that private mill owners are paying a standard minimum price of Rs.69.50 to sugarcane farmers as against the Supreme Court direction of Rs.95 per quintal; and

(b) the intervention made by the Union Government to ensure the mills to abide by the Supreme Court order?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane foevery sugar season under the provisions of Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966. There is no direction of the Hon`ble Supreme Court in this regard.